

## Student Officers To Have Voice in Their Assignment

Will Go, as Far as Practicable, to Branch of Service They Prefer

## Aero Corps Popular

Plattsburgers Learn Goose Step for Use Under den Linden

(From a Staff Correspondent of The Tribune.)  
Plattsburg, N. Y., June 9.—Members of the officers' training camp here will be given a voice in the selection of the arm of the service to which they are to be assigned in the national army.

The personal preference of each man will be consulted before the cantonment is divided, next Saturday, into infantry, cavalry, field and coast artillery and engineers. As far as practicable the student officers will be assigned to the branch in which they elect to serve.

This news brought joy to the camp today. The understanding that the division was to be made arbitrarily had prompted some adverse criticism.

This plan, however, does not assure each man he may serve with the arm he chooses. A poll of the New England camp, completed today, showed the cavalry, coast artillery and engineers heavily oversubscribed. The field artillery went begging. The element of chance, therefore, lingers in sufficient quantity to make the final week of the first period of the camp an interval of suspense.

The New York poll will probably be taken Monday. In the first regiment 194 men chose the cavalry 235 engineers, 236 coast artillery, 507 field artillery and 1719 infantry.

### Many Men To Be Released

The reorganization calls for one troop of 150 cavalrymen, one company of 100 coast artillerymen, one company of 150 engineers, three batteries of 590 field artillerymen and nine companies of about 1,500 infantry. The disparity between the first and second sets of figures gives some idea of the number of men who will be eliminated by release from camp during preliminary training.

The most popular branch of the service is the aviation corps. A request for ten volunteers for this branch from the New England camp and nine from the New York brought hundreds of applications.

The fortunate candidates, whose names will be announced later, will be sent to a government "ground school" at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology for preliminary training. The coast artillerymen will go to Fort Monroe. Syracuse was named as the field artillery camp, but the order has been revoked temporarily.

"Do not think," one of the officers told his men, before the elective poll was taken, "that by choosing a certain arm of service you are going to get to France sooner than the other fellow, or that you will not go abroad. You will all see active service on the other side, no matter what branch you choose."

The report that the coast artillery would not go overseas was disputed by the calling of Captain Philip Matthews, one of the New England instructors, to Governor's Island to receive confidential orders. Captain Matthews' mission is said to concern the dismantling of some of our coast guns for shipment to France.

### Plattsburgers Learn Goose Step

To finish off their month of infantry training the Plattsburgers are being taught the goose step.

"What's that for, anyway?" queried a civilian observer watching the 6th New York high-stepping it across the parade ground.

"Oh, just to make the Kaiser feel a little better when we go prancing down Unter den Linden," remarked a marcher, who straightway drew a reprimand from the left guide for talking in ranks.

Twenty-eight men received discharges today. Eleven were New Yorkers.

### Mexico Has New Land Law

Mexico City, June 12.—Acquisition of "water rights" has been suspended in Mexico by decree of the President. Formerly those who had lived twenty-five years on land without protest might acquire legal title. Under the new decree all such titles will be held in abeyance until Congress shall have framed an organic law putting into effect the article of the new constitution which deals with public lands and land titles.

## Army Recruiting Still Falling Off; New York Second

At Present Rate Army of 500,000 Would Take Until Next April to Raise

Regular army recruiting throughout the country is languishing. After maintaining for several days a daily total of more than 2,000, the number of enlistments fell on Friday to 1,431. Pennsylvania continues to lead in the number of recruits gained; New York and Illinois are second and third in line; but many other states, especially those in New England, are reporting comparatively few recruits. New Hampshire on Friday reported none, Connecticut 15, Maine 4, Massachusetts 72, Rhode Island 3 and Vermont 1. Pennsylvania had 209 and New York reported 178. At the rate that recruits have been enrolled since the call went out it would have taken until April, 1918, to raise an army of 500,000 if conscription had not been resorted to.

One hundred and twenty-five recruits lined up on the deck of the U. S. S. Recruit, the model dreadnought in Union Square, were inspected yesterday by Captain Adams, commander of the "vessel" prior to their departure today for the Naval Training School at Newport. More than 1,000 members of the American Junior Naval and Marine Scouts, clad in white and carrying miniature carbines, paraded around the recruiting ship in honor of the departing seamen. Each recruit was given a kit bag, containing many requisites for a life afloat, by Mrs. Margaret M. Drumpacher, of the Women's Naval Recruiting Committee.

Frank L. Waterman, of Petersburg, Va., tried to enlist in the Marine Corps here yesterday. He is twenty-three years old, 6 feet 8 inches tall and weighs 250 pounds. He was rejected for being "too big."

### Canadians to Teach

#### Gunnery to Students

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.)

Toronto, June 9.—Negotiations are now pending for returned Canadian soldiers, experienced in machine gun work, to train students at American universities. Captain Paige, of the United States army, who has been in Toronto for several days, has made a definite offer of \$50 a month to twenty men in the military hospitals here.

As the veterans would have to pay for their own board, they rejected the offer, but Captain Paige intimated that negotiations would be resumed after he had an opportunity to communicate with the United States authorities. The men approached include all the convalescents at the hospital who have specialized in machine gun fighting overseas and who are now well enough to be discharged.

## 2,209 Engines Purchased for War Service

## 104,063 New Cars Ordered for Delivery by End of Year

Since November 1 last 989 new engines and 44,063 new cars have been placed in service by the railroads in the United States, according to a statement issued yesterday by Howard Elliott, formerly president of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad and now a member of the Railroads' War Board.

Orders have been placed, he says, for 2,209 more engines and 104,063 cars, so that between November 1, 1916, and the first of next year there will have been placed in service a total of 148,956 new cars, with an average capacity of more than 80 tons, and 3,198 new engines, with an average tractor power of 54,000 pounds.

Mr. Elliott makes an appeal to the public and railroad officials to cooperate in moving less essential things, so that the railroads may use their resources in transporting military supplies.

"The Railroads' War Board," he says, "has supplied to the government five trained railroad officers who were commissioned to go to Russia to help move freight piled up at Vladivostok. We are arranging to obtain nine regiments of trained railway men to help carry on railroad activities in France."

## 8,200 Enlist for Coast Patrol; Room for Training Only 1,000

Some Already Aboard Vessels, but Greater Number Quartered in Brooklyn Armory—150 Boats Accepted for Required Fleet of 750

Franklin D. Roosevelt, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, speaking in this city on February 27 last, estimated that a naval reserve force of at least 10,000 men and a fleet of not less than 750 patrol boats would be needed for the defence of the Third Naval District.

Reports sent out from the Brooklyn navy yard yesterday announce that to date approximately 8,200 men have enrolled for the reserve in the Third district, which runs from Barnegat to New London. Yachts already accepted by the government from the district number only 150.

Of this large enrolment about 1,000 men are in actual training for sea service. They are men who have had little or no sea experience and who must, before they join the crew of a sea patrol, learn the ways of ship life for their own protection as well as that of their country.

Some of these men are receiving instruction aboard vessels to which they have already been assigned. The greater number, however, are undergoing intensive training at the armory

of the Second Battalion, New York Naval Militia, at the end of Fifty-second street, Brooklyn, and at the new section base recently opened at Bensonhurst.

At the Second Battalion armory there are 450 reservists in command of Lieutenant J. R. Crutchehead, U. S. N. The entire reserve battalion, together with 150 naval militiamen also in training, are quartered in the building, sleeping in cots set up on the drill floor and in ship's hammocks swung in the galleries. Their food, which is prepared in the armory kitchens, is inspected, before it is served, by physicians attached to the militia.

### Must Train Four Weeks

Men sent out to man coast patrol vessels as called for by the navy department are selected from those companies which have been in training for at least four weeks.

At the end of that time the men have mastered infantry and signal drill, artillery and boats, and have gained a general knowledge of the duties of a sailor.

One room in the armory has been fitted out as a "sick bay," but serious cases are sent to the navy hospital before the medical examining board tomorrow. Three thousand members and guests of the regiment were present.

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tonsillitis and the reaction from the typhoid inoculation have been the only ailments requiring the doctor's care.

The men themselves are enthusiastic about their work and in most cases—in every case, in fact, except where there has been parental objection—they have volunteered for Class II of the Naval Reserve Force, which will take them into any branch of the naval service, although they enrolled in Class IV, which calls for their services only for coast patrol work within the limits of the Third Naval District.

At the Bensonhurst station, which is a section base and will be eventually the centre of a fleet of patrol boats and their crews, 300 men, most of them college students or graduates of recent years, are being trained. Representatives of some of the wealthiest families in the United States are among the number.

### Will Care for 900 Men

Eventually the Bensonhurst plant will be able to take care of 900 men. Three old summer hotels which have been closed for several years are being refitted as barracks. Smaller buildings are being used as a hospital and the headquarters of Captain H. G. Hamlet, commanding, and his staff. An eighty-five foot patrol boat, originally built for the Italian government, is kept at the station and classes in navigation are taken out in her daily.

At present the men are being fed at a hotel in the neighborhood of the section base, but within a few days, when the installation of the kitchen equipment is completed, they will be fed in one of the government buildings. Three men are quartered in each of the bedrooms of the former hotel, sleeping in three tier bunks.

In all probability the Bensonhurst station eventually will receive all the men who are to be trained in the reserve. As far as can be ascertained at present, no other large base is planned for the Third District, although several smaller ones at which fifty or sixty men will be stationed, are under consideration for points along the Long Island shore.

### Work Will Take Months

With the station able to care for but 900 men at a time, many of whom will be stationed there indefinitely, although they have completed their course of intensive training, it will be many months before many of the 8,200 reservists can be called into service.

The instruction at Bensonhurst is similar to that at the 2d Battalion armory and is designed to make good seamen out of patriotic civilians. "When this thing is all over," Captain Hamlet said recently, "I want it said that we turned out sailors, not soldiers. Infantry drill is splendid training. A man with a rifle in his hands takes a new view of things. The rifle is invaluable in physical training. We are concentrating, however, on the essentials which a man must know before he goes to sea and the way the boys are working products efficient crews for the vessels which must patrol our coasts."

### German Food Laws Get Scant Respect

19,000 Infractions in Baden Indicate General Conditions

Copenhagen, June 9.—More than 19,000 criminal prosecutions for infractions of the food regulation have been started in the Grand Duchy of Baden, according to an announcement made in the Baden Diet.

These figures for the Grand Duchy, where conditions are relatively good, are said to be indicative of the general disrespect of the food laws of Germany.

### Report Partial Success of Cure For Drug Users

Board of Inebriety Commends Treatment at City Farm Colony

Tried on 130 Cases

Method Established in Institution by Dr. Stokes, Surgeon General, U. S. N., Retired

The Board of Inebriety yesterday issued a preliminary report of the success which has attended the administration of the new drug cure established by Dr. Charles F. Stokes, surgeon general, U. S. N., retired, at the City Farm Colony, Warwick Farms, Orange County.

Dr. Stokes, who is medical supervisor of the colony, has been using his cure upon the inmates since January. Only 130 cases have been treated so far, and the report says that because of the short time the treatment has been employed, it is impossible to regard

the results so far attained as permanent.

Two main points have been brought out, however—the fact that the drug addict can be deprived of his narcotic without mental or physical anguish, and the conviction of Dr. Stokes and his associates that heroin should be absolutely abolished from the materia medica.

"We find that this drug is used in more than 90 per cent of the cases seen by us," the report says. "Heroin can be completely done away with without adding to the suffering of the sick, or harming them. In fact, the United States Public Health Service, in view of the drug evil, has discarded heroin completely."

Dr. Stokes has accomplished his cures by withdrawing the narcotic immediately the patient comes under his control and offsetting the after effects by the administration of pilocarpine and eserine, in doses far below the minimum used in the usual practice of medicine.

The largest dose of pilocarpine administered is one-tenth of one grain, with the average somewhere between one-fifteenth and one-twentieth. This is repeated every two or three hours for the first forty-eight hours, and then is discontinued.

By this time, the report says, all craving for the drug has disappeared. "It is interesting to observe," Dr. Stokes says, "the types of mind uncovered in this way. The common type of mind is that of an older child, a mind neither hardened nor matured through contact with reality."

"The physical damage is soon corrected in these cases. The readjustments in the nervous system take a longer time. It has seemed well worth while to explain just what is taking place, so that patients can cooperate and will understand that the readjustments at the psychic level are often tedious and sometimes disappointing."

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